

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 715

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor Rachel Lynn Shepard, 1998  
Valedictorian of Mt. Juliet High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should recognize those students who through their noteworthy talents and unflagging commitment have achieved success in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Lynn Shepard is clearly one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as valedictorian of the 1998 graduating class at Mt. Juliet High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Ms. Shepard has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in her outstanding high school career, Rachel Shepard has earned an exceptional 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, she has been an active participant in numerous extracurricular activities at school, as a member of Youth in Government, Young Men and Women for Jesus, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Paper Staff, and STARS; and

WHEREAS, Rachel's numerous academic honors include her membership in the National Honor Society, the Beta Club and the Academic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart member of the Mt. Juliet High School volleyball team, Rachel was named to the All-District and All-Region volleyball teams, was a High School Heisman nominee,

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was selected "Best All-Around Female" by her students and was a member of the school's Gold Club; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Shepard's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; she plans to attend college and major in sociology; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, Gary and Rhonda Shepard, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Rachel's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1998 Mt. Juliet High School Valedictorian, Rachel Lynn Shepard, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Ms. Shepard with this final clause omitted from such copy.